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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 4 and replaces the original sheet including Fig. 4.

Figure 4 was amended to indicate that transistors QP2 and QPN are connected to the output node of element 52.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheet (1 page)

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 11 and 13 are pending in this application of which claims 1, 6 and 9 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, the Examiner objected to FIG. 4 because the FETs QP2 and QPN are not depicted with their gates connected to the output node of element 52. Applicant has amended FIG. 4 so that the gates of transistors QP2 and QPN are no longer depicted as floating gates. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the drawing objection.

The Examiner has rejected the claims 1 to 14 for allegedly being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for failing to distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 9 to distinctly claim the invention.

The Examiner also indicated that the term "current path" was confusing. Applicants has amended the claims to remove the term "current path."

The Examiner further indicated that there was not a period at the end of claim 5, and a lack of antecedent basis in claims 8, 12 and 13. Applicant has amended claim 5 to include a period and amended claims 8, 12 and 13 to include an antecedent basis. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §112 rejections.

Applicant acknowledges Examiner's indication that claims 3, 4, 8, 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112 rejections and rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims so

that the limitations of claims 2 and 3 are included in claim 1 and the limitations of claims 1, 7 and 8 are included in claim 6, and the limitations of claim 12 are included in claim 9. Applicant submits that all dependent claims now depend on allowable independent claims.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant submits that the entire application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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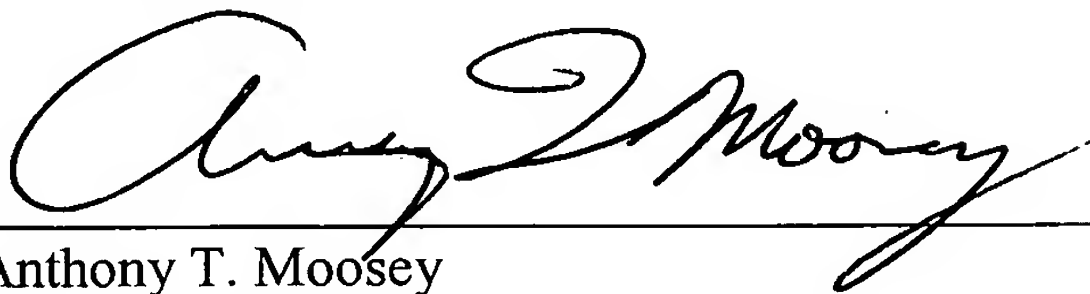
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No fee is believed to be due for this Response; however, if any fees are due, please apply such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0515 referencing Attorney Docket 1847-US.

Respectfully submitted,

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